"MAKE YOUR HOME SECURE: Burglary Prevention Checklist" offers general tips and suggestions.

For further information or to arrange for a burglary prevention presentation for community organizations call:

NCPD Public Information Office at 516.573.7135

or the

NCPD Crimes Against Property Squad at 516.573.5275.

For a security survey of your home, contact your local precinct.

For Precinct locations, see inside back cover.

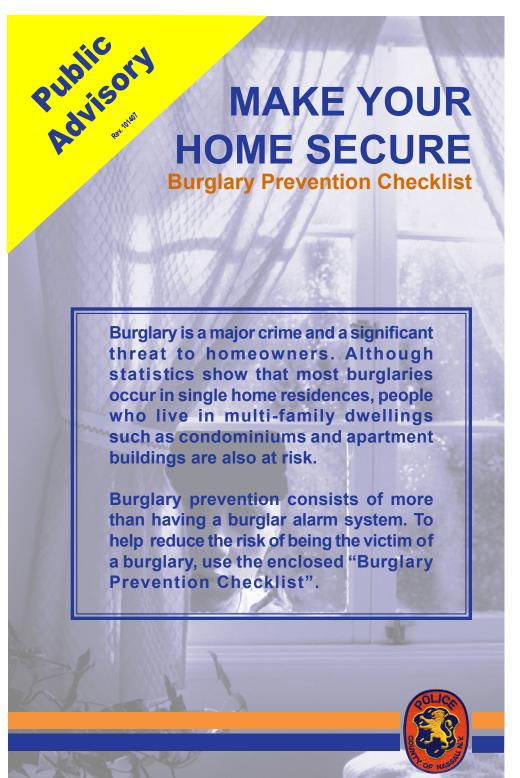
In an emergency, dial 911.

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FIRST PRECINCT 900 Merrick Road, Baldwin, N.Y. 11510	516-573-6100
SECOND PRECINCT 7700 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, N.Y. 11797	516-573-6200
THIRD PRECINCT 214 Hillside Avenue, Williston Park, N.Y. 11596	516-573-6300
FOURTH PRECINCT 1699 Broadway, Hewlett, N.Y. 11557	516-573-6400
FIFTH PRECINCT 1655 Dutch Broadway, Elmont, N.Y. 11003	516-573-6500
SIXTH PRECINCT 100 Community Drive, Manhasset, N.Y. 11030	516-573-6600
SEVENTH PRECINCT 3636 Merrick Road, Seaford, N.Y. 11783	516-573-6700
EIGHTH PRECINCT	516-573-6800

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### **Burglary Prevention Checklist** (cont'd)

Securing the *inside* of your home.

☐ Even if you have an alarm system, be alert when leaving or entering your home. If you notice someone or something suspicious, report it to the police immediately.

Notes:		

The Nassau County Police Department suggests that you keep this checklist handy for future inspections of your home.

ost burglaries are crimes of opportunity. By making the opportunity less attractive, there is a better chance that your home will not be a target.

#### What burglars look for:

Burglars look for houses that have:

- The appearance of being unoccupied.
- No lights on and are dark at sunset.
- No car in the driveway.
- · Doors and windows blocked by shrubbery.
- Mail sticking out of the mailbox.
- · Papers on the front lawn or stoop.
- · Curtains that are closed during the daylight hours.
- · Outside alarm siren boxes.

#### "Target Hardening" your home:

To help prevent your home from becoming a target:

- Walk around your home.
- · Make a list for easy points of entry for an intruder.

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# **Burglary Prevention Checklist**

#### Securing the *outside* of your home.

	☐ Prune overgrown shrubbery that his	des
	windows and doors.	
	☐ Make alarm stickers visible on doors a	and
	windows; they should be easily seen from	the
	street and sidewalk.	
	☐ Keep a car in the driveway, if possible.	
	☐ Place a dog bowl or dog chain on y	our
	property to give the appearance of canine	se-
	curity.	
	☐ Do not have packages left in the door	vay
ě,	all day; arrange for a delivery time when you	u or
100	a neighbor can pick them up.	
ž	☐ Do not keep garbage cans at the curb	all
	day; if you cannot stay home, use plastic ba	ags
	instead of garbage cans.	
	☐ Eliminate the outside mailbox; insert a r	nail
	slot in the front door or garage.	
	☐ Install outside motion detection lights at	the
	corner of your home and high enough so t	
	the intruder is unable to unscrew the bulbs	
	☐ Have outside doors of solid core of me	
	clad; steel doors and frames are the most	
	cure while hollow doors with wood frames	
	easily kicked in.	

# **Burglary Prevention Checklist** (cont'd)

#### Securing *points of entry* into your home.

since they are easy to break and allow the intruder
to reach inside and unlock the door.
☐ Use dead bolts with a one-inch throw since
the mechanism is difficult to pry or jimmy open.
☐ Ensure that sliding glass doors and windows
have metal pins or a metal bar installed to prevent
being pried open.
☐ Set inside lights on timers to turn them on
at dusk.
□ Do not place valuables in bureau drawers in the
master bedroom; this is the first area where a burglar

looks.Lock valuables in the attic or basement.

☐ Mark valuables with your driver's license number to make them easy to trace if found on a burglar.

☐ Do not have front doors with side glass panels

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- Make a list for easy points of entry
- Take care of the problems.